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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: OTTO ROSE BORCH

1. OTTO ROSE BORCH, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF DENMARK TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, WAS ONE OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL DIPLOMATS AT THE UN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE REPRESENTING SMALL OR MIDDLE SIZED COUNTRIES. HE SUPPLEMENTED HIS NATIVE INTELLIGENCE BY KEEPING HIMSELF WELL INFORMED AND WORKING HARD. HE WAS NOT WITHOUT A SENSE OF HUMOR BUT HE TOOK ISSUES SERIOUSLY AND CONCENTRATED ON KNOWING THE INS AND OUTS. HE WAS A FIRST-RATE CHAIRMAN OF THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL COMITE DURING THE 1973 GA; AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITE ON RATIONALIZATION OF PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE GA IN 1971 HE PRODUCED A REPORT OF SCOPE AND PRAGMATISM WHICH DESERVED FAR MORE ATTENTION AND IMPLEMENTATION THAN IT RECEIVED.

2. AMBASSADOR BORCH WAS HIGHLY COOPERATIVE WITH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION BUT DID NOT HESITATE TO FORM HIS OWN OPINIONS AND TO DIFFER WITH US WHEN HE THOUGHT WE WERE ON A WRONG COURSE AS, FOR INSTANCE, THE US FORMULA IN 1971 FOR SOLUTION OF THE CHINA MEMBERSHIP QUESTION (WHICH WAS DEFEATED). HE COULD BE STURDILY INDEPENDENT AND A STUBBORN IF ALWAYS FAIR OPPONENT. HE
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IS, HOWEVER, DEEPLY COMMITTED TO WESTERN POLITICAL AND

SOCIAL VALUES AND HE HAS ALWAYS LAID GREAT STRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF US LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD ARENA. WHEN HE DIFFERED WITH US, IT WAS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT WE WERE WRONG AND HE WORRIED THAT US INFLUENCE WOULD THEREBY BE AFFECTED OR WEAKENED.

3. MRS. BORCH IS A CHARMING WOMAN WHO SUPPORTS AND COMPLEMENTS HER HUSBAND. SHE TOO IS INTELLIGENT AND THEY ENTERTAIN GRACIOUSLY AND EFFICIENTLY IN THE TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN MANNER.

4. USUN RECORDS INDICATE THAT AMBASSADOR BORCH'S TWO DAUGHTERS, ELIZABETH LUNDBYE AND NINNA BRIGITTE LUNDBYE, ARE 24 AND 13 YEARS OLD. OUR RECORDS DO NOT INDICATE THAT MRS. BORCH PRACTICED LAW WHILE IN NEW YORK.
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